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<p align="center">Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief</p>	Application No. 10/527,368	Applicant(s) AHONEN ET AL.	
	Examiner Sarah Su	Art Unit 2431	

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THE REPLY FILED 30 March 2009 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. ☒ The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
 b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. ☐ The Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because
 (a) ☐ They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
 (b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);
 (c) ☐ They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
 (d) ☐ They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4. ☐ The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).
 5. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
 6. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
 7. ☒ For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) ☐ will not be entered, or b) ☒ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.
 The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:
 Claim(s) allowed: _____.
 Claim(s) objected to: _____.
 Claim(s) rejected: 1-13, 15-25.
 Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).
 9. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing a good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).
 10. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

11. ☒ The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:
See Continuation Sheet.
 12. ☐ Note the attached Information *Disclosure Statement*(s). (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s). _____
 13. ☒ Other: See Continuation Sheet.

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Continuation of 11. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: As to claims 1, 3-4, 13, and 16-17, it is argued by the applicant that Nikander does not disclose the use of the digital signature to further verify that the candidate member owns the public-private key pair. The examiner respectfully disagrees. It is noted that the elements which are shown to have been taught by Nikander do not disclose the digital signature.

Further, it is argued by the applicant that Fox does not disclose multicast. The examiner respectfully disagrees. It is noted that the term multicast is not disclosed in the body of the claim. Instead, the elements disclose a method for authenticating a member, which is shown through Fox as described in the final office action mailed on 30 December 2008.

It is also argued that Fox does not disclose that the candidate terminal owns the source IP address. The examiner respectfully disagrees. The source IP address is not defined in the claims and the examiner assumes that it represents the candidate's IP address. Fox discloses that the comparing of hash values determines if the originating participant actually created the encrypted hash, thus proving the origin (i.e. source) of the participant.

As to claims 7 and 20, it is argued by the applicant that neither Wesley nor Caronni disclose the digital signature that is generated by applying an algorithm and the user's private key to the contents of the certificate. The examiner respectfully disagrees. Wesley discloses that the certificate authority signs a certificate which includes a public key (i.e. private key), thus creating a digital signature (col. 4, lines 15-22). It is noted that the applicant's claims do not further describe the algorithm used to create the digital signature; therefore, any algorithm may be used. The applicant also argues that a proof-of-possession procedure is not taught. The examiner respectfully disagrees. Wesley discloses that the certificate is verified using the public key (i.e. private key) (col. 4, lines 3-6).

Continuation of 13. Other: It is noted that the applicant has submitted amendments to claims 4, 11, and 13. Therefore, the examiner hereby withdraws the objection to the claims.